OSU-CASCADES

OSU-Cascades offers an Oregon State University degree in a smaller, more personal setting. The following link describes the campus, students, and faculty.

http://www.osucascades.edu/about

Academics

1. Curriculum

- The diploma students earn at OSU-Cascades is the same as students earn at OSU-Corvallis, similarly for Ecampus students. The diploma and transcripts do not indicate a specific campus.
- University accreditation (NWCCU) and professional accreditation (e.g., ABET, AACSB, CAREP, and NCATE) evaluate OSU as one system or one campus) vs. multiple campuses.
- An extensive and rigorous OSU-Corvallis approval process exists to expand current or new OSU-Corvallis programs to OSU-Cascades.
- The OSU-Corvallis process for modifying or adding new courses is required by OSU-Cascades.
- All courses taught by part-time instructors (adjuncts) and full-time instructors are approved by OSU-Corvallis based upon vitas or resumes.
- The OSU-Corvallis policy and procedures regarding curriculum (e.g., assessment) is in-force at OSU-Cascades.

2. Faculty

Tenured/Tenure-Track

- All faculty expenses are funded by OSU-Cascades.
- OSU-Cascades faculty salaries are benchmarked to the main campus to individuals with similar position descriptions.
- Tenure is granted, with input from OSU-Cascades, by OSU-Corvallis for OSU-Cascades faculty. OSU-Cascades has had five successful tenure-track faculty evaluations and two unsuccessful, since it’s startup in 2001. Dr. Lindberg in TOL is one of the successful.
- Teaching load is determined by OSU-Cascades, with input from OSU-Corvallis.
- Annual performance reviews are completed jointly by OSU-Corvallis and OSU-Cascades administration.
- An OSU-Cascades search committee, with OSU-Corvallis representation, identifies and recommends new faculty hires. The hiring decision is made at OSU-Cascades, with input from OSU-Corvallis.
• Most TT faculty have a five course load after the first year, when they receive a one course release for first year prep. This is equivalent to a 0.50 FTE teaching, 0.40 FTE research, and 0.10 FTE service load.
• Faculty at OSU-Cascades are able to secure course release at a rate of $5000/course. Faculty may also count an intensive summer course completed within one-two weeks, as part of their AY load. Both the course release amount and use of summer to meet load requirements are significant advantages put in place at OSU-Cascades to enable scholars to succeed.
• OSU-Cascades faculty have received university-wide “faculty release time” grants from the research office and the research office has supported startup packages and equipment purchases.
• OSU-Cascades faculty can be nominated for OSU-Corvallis faculty awards. Ron Reuter, OSU-Cascades College of Forestry, won a university teaching award.

Full-time Instructor

• Approximately 40% (or 14) of the OSU-Cascades faculty are full-time instructors (non-tenure track positions).
• OSU-Cascades hires and evaluates the full-time instructors.
• OSU-Corvallis approves the courses that all instructors teach.
• OSU-Cascades promotes full-time instructors to senior instructor, with input from Corvallis.

Financials

• OSU-Corvallis provides no direct funding of OSU-Cascades. OSU-Cascades is funded by approximately 50% tuition and 50% state support.
• The recently celebrated OSU-Corvallis foundation achievement of $1 billion, included $6.5 Million for OSU-Cascades.
• OSU-Corvallis has an enrollment of 26,000 students vs. OSU-Cascades of approximately 1000 students or 450FTE.
• OSU-Corvallis provides many indirect services to OSU-Cascades without funding in the areas of: enrollment services, student conduct, graduate school, legal, teaching and learning support, accreditation and assessment support, library support, etc.